

Appl. No. 10/026,092
Amdt. Dated September 21, 2004
Reply to Office Action of August 26, 2004

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A roof retaining apparatus comprising a framework including at least two angulated arms each including a flat portion having slots therein ~~which engage for individually engaging~~ over fixation devices fixed to the roof, ~~the arms each having an upstanding flange angularly extending from the flat portion, the upstanding flange having an upstanding sleeve mounted thereon, an upright having a bottom end flange inserted and secured engaged to the upstanding sleeve of each arm, upper and lower cross members engaged to and between the uprights, the uprights having top and bottom lateral sleeve pairs secured thereon within which end flanges of the top and bottom cross members, the top and bottom cross members each having vertical end flanges being vertically received within the lateral sleeves respectively, are received,~~ the arms also having a support structure thereon for mounting a scaffolding thereover and a net stretched between and fixed to the uprights and cross members, ~~wherein said lateral sleeves and said cross member end flanges have aligned bores therein, wherein and~~ a pin is engaged through the aligned bores to secure the uprights and cross members together.

2. (Canceled) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein each angulated

Appl. No. 10/026,092
Amdt. Dated September 21, 2004
Reply to Office Action of August 26, 2004

arm includes a flat portion having slots therein which engage over fixation devices fixed to the roof.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the slots are formed toward a free end of each arm.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the slots are angulated relative to the free end of the arm.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein each upright engages up to two top cross members, one to either side thereof.

6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein each upright engages up to two bottom cross members, one to either side thereof.

7. (Canceled) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said net has securement devices along the edges thereof.

8. (Canceled) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said uprights and cross members have cooperating securement devices to which the securement devices of said net attach.

9. (Canceled) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the cooperating securement devices of said net comprise hooks.

10. (Canceled) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the securement devices of said uprights and top and bottom cross members comprise eyes.

11. (Canceled) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the uprights have top and bottom lateral sleeve pairs thereon within which end flanges of the top and bottom cross members, respectively, are

Appl. No. 10/026,092
Amdt. Dated September 21, 2004
Reply to Office Action of August 26, 2004

received.

12. (Canceled) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said sleeves and said cross member end flanges have aligned bores therein.

13. (Canceled) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein a pin is engaged through the aligned bores to secure the uprights and cross members together.

14. (Canceled) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the angulated arms have upstanding flanges therein.

15. (Canceled) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein each upstanding flange has a sleeve thereon within which an end flange of each upright is received.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 ~~15~~ wherein said upstanding sleeve ~~said sleeve~~ and said upright bottom end flanges ~~said upright end flanges~~ have aligned bores therein.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein a pin is engaged through the aligned bores to secure the uprights and arms together.